

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-00757-TSC**

WESTERN VALUES PROJECT v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
THE INTERIOR

Assigned to: Judge Tanya S. Chutkan

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Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

**Plaintiff**

**WESTERN VALUES PROJECT**

Date Filed: 04/25/2017

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/25/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-4926863) filed by WESTERN VALUES PROJECT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibits to Complaint, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> LCvR7.1, # <u>4</u>

		Summons)(Hodes, Scott) (Entered: 04/25/2017)
04/25/2017	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by WESTERN VALUES PROJECT (md) (Entered: 04/25/2017)
04/25/2017		Case Assigned to Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. (md) (Entered: 04/25/2017)
04/27/2017	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice of Consent) (md) (Entered: 04/27/2017)
05/16/2017	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/2/2017. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/1/2017. (Hodes, Scott) (Entered: 05/16/2017)
05/16/2017	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 05/02/2017. (Hodes, Scott) (Entered: 05/16/2017)
05/16/2017	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR served on 5/1/2017 (Hodes, Scott) (Entered: 05/16/2017)
06/01/2017	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.(Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 06/01/2017)
06/08/2017		MINUTE ORDER SETTING DEADLINES: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of LCvR 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil procedure appear to be inapplicable. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and propose a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule shall address the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, whether and when either party anticipates filing a dispositive motion, and any other pertinent issues. The parties shall file a joint status report that addresses these issues and that contains a proposed schedule and proposed order not later than 6/30/17. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 6/8/17. (DJS) (Entered: 06/08/2017)
06/09/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: The parties shall file a joint status report that contains a proposed schedule and proposed order by 6/30/17. (jth) (Entered: 06/09/2017)
06/30/2017	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT of the Parties by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order)(Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 06/30/2017)
07/01/2017		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' Joint Status Report <u>8</u> , it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another Joint Status Report by August 30, 2017, along with a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 7/1/17. (DJS) (Entered: 07/01/2017)
07/02/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: The parties shall file another Joint Status Report along with a proposed order by 8/30/2017. (jth) (Entered: 07/02/2017)
08/30/2017	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order)(Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 08/30/2017)
08/31/2017		MINTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' Joint Status Report <u>9</u> , it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint status report by November 1, 2017 and every 60 days thereafter. To the extent the report contains a proposed briefing schedule, the parties shall also submit a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 8/31/17. (DJS) (Entered: 08/31/2017)
09/04/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: The parties shall file another joint status report by 11/1/2017 and every 60 days thereafter. To the extent the status report contains a proposed briefing schedule, the parties shall also submit a proposed order. (jth) (Entered: 09/04/2017)

11/01/2017	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 11/01/2017)
01/23/2018		MINUTE ORDER: On 8/31/17 the court entered an order directing the parties to file a Joint Status Report by 11/1/17 and every 60 days thereafter. The parties filed a report on 11/17/17, but more than sixty days have elapsed since then and the parties have not filed another report or sought an extension of time in which to do so. Accordingly, the parties shall file their status report by 1/26/18 and every sixty days thereafter. To the extent the status report contains a proposed briefing schedule, the parties shall also submit a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 1/23/18. (DJS) (Entered: 01/23/2018)
01/24/2018	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 01/24/2018)
01/24/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/26/2018. (tb) (Entered: 01/24/2018)
03/22/2018	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 03/22/2018)
05/21/2018	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 05/21/2018)
07/19/2018	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 07/19/2018)
11/15/2018	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 11/15/2018)
01/16/2019	<u>16</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay , Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>All Deadlines</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 01/16/2019)
01/18/2019		MINUTE ORDER : Granting <u>16</u> Motion to Stay; Granting <u>16</u> Motion for Extension of Deadlines. This action is hereby STAYED until appropriations are restored to the Department of Justice. All pending deadlines are extended for a period of time equal to the calendar day duration of the lapse in appropriations. The parties shall file a joint status report within fourteen (14) calendar days after Congress has appropriated funds for the Department of Justice, notifying the Court that the appropriations lapse has ceased and proposing new deadlines for pending matters. The joint status report shall contain a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 1/18/19. (DJS) (Entered: 01/18/2019)
02/07/2019	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order)(Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 02/07/2019)
02/27/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' joint status report <u>17</u> it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint status report by April 9, 2019, and every 60 days thereafter. To the extent the status report contains a proposed briefing schedule, the parties shall also submit a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 2/27/19. (DJS) (Entered: 02/27/2019)
02/27/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/9/2019. (tb) (Entered: 02/27/2019)
02/28/2019		MINUTE ORDER LIFTING STAY. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 2/28/19. (DJS) (Entered: 02/28/2019)
04/09/2019	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 04/09/2019)
04/17/2019	<u>19</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Jonathan Standish Massey on behalf of All Plaintiffs (Massey, Jonathan) (Entered: 04/17/2019)
04/18/2019	<u>20</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to WESTERN VALUES PROJECT. Attorney Scott Allan Hodes terminated. (Hodes, Scott) (Entered: 04/18/2019)
06/04/2019	<u>21</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew M. Collette on behalf of All Plaintiffs (Collette, Matthew) (Entered: 06/04/2019)